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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON TRADE UNION ACTION AND DEMOCRACY
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SUMMARY: SOVIET MFA USA DEPT. OFFICIAL DELIVERED LOW LEVEL
VERBAL STATEMENT AUG. 24 TO EMBOFF ON SUBJECT OF LACK OF U.S.
RESPONSE TO RECENT VISA REQUEST BY GROUP OF SOVIET TRADE
UNION REPRESENTATIVES. STATEMENT CHARGED THAT SIMILAR
"DISCRIMINATORY" ACTS HAD OCCURED BEFORE AND THAT THIS
CONTRADICTED U.S.-SOVIET GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CONTACTS,
EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION OF 1973, HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND
STATEMENTS BY U.S. ONFICIALS THEMSELVES. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUG. 24, FOLLOWING ROUTINE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
ON SEVERAL FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL VISITS AND MEETINGS, MFA'S
USA DEPT. BILATERAL SECTION CHIEF V.F. ISAKOV DELIVERED
ORAL STATEMENT IN RUSSIAN TO EMBOFF ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- AS KNOWN TO EMBASSY, A GROUP OF SOVIET CITIZENS
(NAMES WERE GIVEN) PLANNED TO DEPART SOVIET UNION ON
AUG. 9 AND 16 DAY VISIT TO U.S. AT INVITATION NATIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY (SIC). APPLICATION
FOR THE VISAS WAS MADE ON JULY 13, TO DATE THE VISAS
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HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED, AND THE PLANNED DEPARTURE DATE
HAS PASSED;

-- THE MFA NOTES THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST CASE
OF DISCRIMINATORY ACTIVITIES BY THE AMERICAN AUTHOR-
ITIES WITH REGARD TO SOVIET CITIZENS WISHING TO
VISIT U.S.;

-- SUCH ACTION CONTRADICTS THE U.S.-SOVIET GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES, AND COOPERATION OF 1973 AND THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE;

-- THESE ACTS BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT CORRESPOND TO NUMEROUS STATEMENTS BY U.S. OFFICIALS IN FAVOR OF EXPANDING CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLE.

2. EMBOFF SAID INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO WASHINGTON, BUT HE DID NOT OFFER TO PROVIDE ANY RESPONSE. ISAKOV DELIVERED STATEMENT IN LOW KEY, NON-EMPHATIC FASHION AND DID NOT INDICATE THAT ANY RESPONSE WAS EXPECTED.

3. TASS ENGLISH CARRIED REPORT OF SOVIET DEMARCHE ON AUGUST 24. TOON

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